GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was decided in the past to associate State Trading Corporation, Minerals and Metals Corporation and Project Equipment Corporation as well as private exporters to export foodgrains after the export of foodgrains picked up;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Food Corporation of India (FCI) does not hold foodgrains much in excess of the quantity required in the country as was the case in 2000; and

(d) if so, the quantity of foodgrains held by FCI as on date and the quantity that is over and above the quantity required in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The foodgrains export scheme with the three Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) i.e. State Trading Corporation (STC), Metals & Minerals Trading Corporation (MMTC) & Project & Equipment Corporation (PEC) started with a quantitative ceiling of 20 lakh MTs of wheat export for the year ending 31st March, 2001. However, as more Central and State Government agencies started showing interest in entering the export scheme, the Government opened it to all parties including private parties, Cooperatives, Government undertakings and agencies and fixed a ceiling of 50 lakh MTs of wheat export, to begin with, for the Financial Year 2001-02.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The stock of wheat and rice as on 1st October, 2005 and 1st November, 2005 against the buffer stocking norms of 1st October, 2005 are as under:-

Fig. in Lakh MTs

As on	Stock			Buffer Norms (As on 1st Oct.)		
	wheat	rice	total	wheat	rice	total
1.10.05	102.90	48.49	151.39	110	52	162
1.11.05	90.52	103.38	193.90	110	52	162